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DISAPPOINTMENT

Public Shaming Canceled

A Boston subway dispatcher who programmed an electronic message board in a station to scroll the lyrics of “Deck the Halls” on Christmas Day won’t face severe punishment. State Transportation Secretary Richard Davey said any punishment will be light — perhaps just a reminder not to use the signs for anything other than their real purpose. (AP)

“Well, my name is Hocus Pocus and you’re going to jail.”

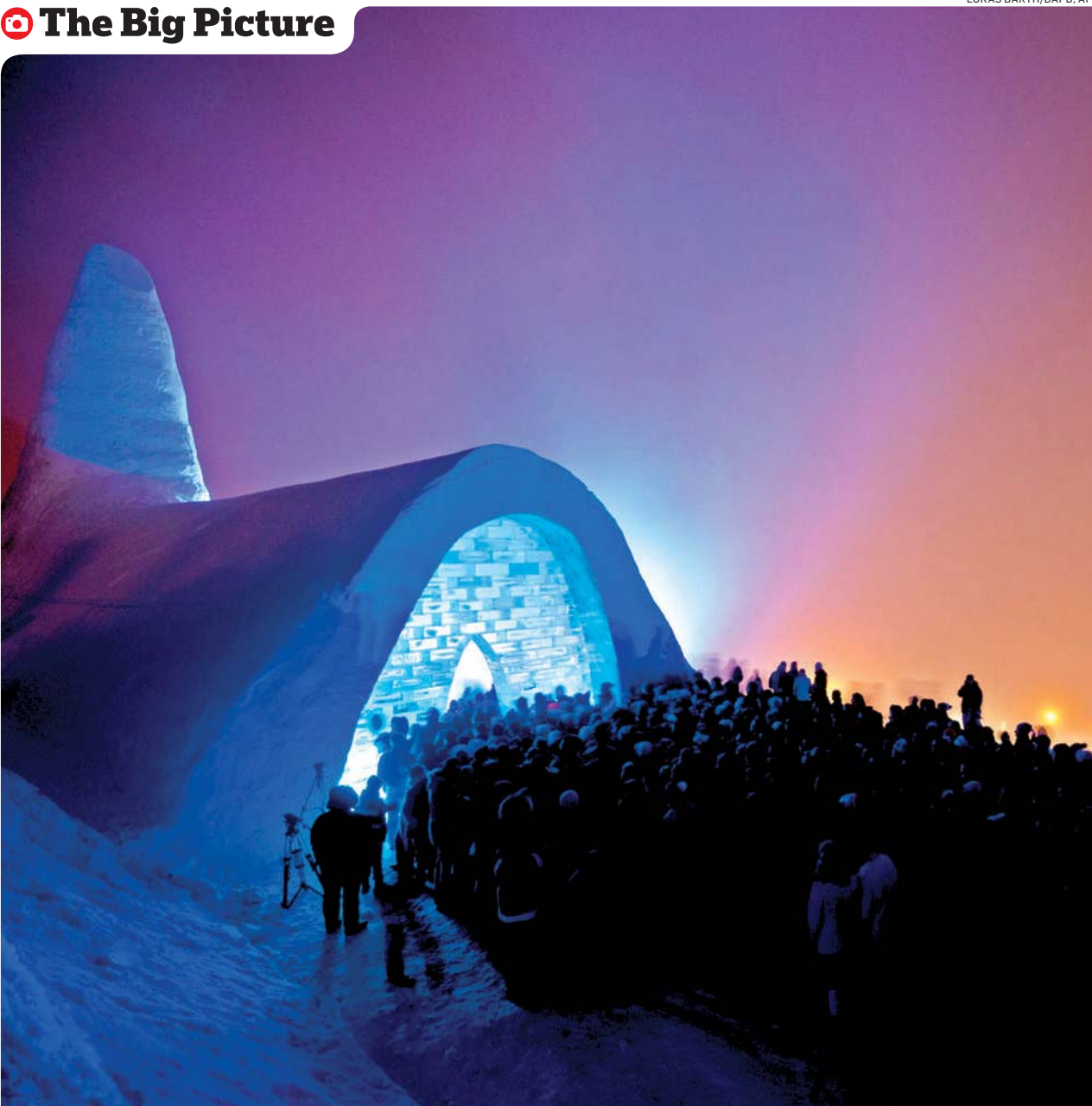
— AMBRIDGE, PA., ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE JIMMY MAN, TO A SHOPLIFTER WHO TOLD HIM HER NAME WAS “ABRACADABRA” WHEN SHE WAS ARRESTED. JILL STUMPF TRIED TO STEAL MORE THAN 100 ITEMS FROM A RITE-AID BY STUFFING THEM INTO BABY CLOTHES, WHICH WERE POSITIONED IN A STROLLER SO AS TO RESEMBLE A CHILD. (AP)

TERRIFYING FUTURE

A Universe of Filthy Puns And Catchphrases Awaits

Brothel owner Dennis Hof, of the HBO reality show “Cathouse,” plans to open Alien Cathouse, a brothel with a science fiction theme, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported. Heidi Fleiss, Hollywood madam, will design the outfits for the staff. “She’s the chief alien design queen,” said Hof. The run-down building he plans to renovate is about 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas. The attached gas station, which Hof also purchased, will become the Area 51 Alien Travel Center. (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture



COLD COMFORT: A church built entirely of ice and snow opened in Mitterfirmiansreut, Germany, on Wednesday, a century after villagers first built a snow church in an act of protest. The structure is more than 65 feet in length and is made up of some 49,000 cubic feet of snow. (AP)



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In Brief

NEW YORK

Verizon to Charge \$2 For Online Payments

Verizon Wireless said Thursday that it will start charging \$2 starting Jan. 15 for every payment subscribers make over the phone or online with their credit cards. The fee won't apply to electronic check payments or to automatic credit card payments set up through Verizon's AutoPay system. Paying by credit card in a Verizon store will also be free, as will mailing a check. (AP)

WASHINGTON

U.S. Denounces Chavez's Comments About Cancer

Chavez

The Obama administration is denouncing Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez for questioning whether the U.S. might be using technology to induce a rash of cancer cases among Latin American leaders. The State Department on Thursday said Chavez's comments were "horrific and reprehensible" and unworthy of further response. (AP)

Holiday Schedule

Express will not publish Monday, due to the New Year's holiday.



Poll: 2012 Can Only Get Better

62 percent optimistic about what the new year will bring them

Washington

Americans are hopeful for what 2012 will bring for their families and the country, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll, though most say 2011 was a year

they would rather forget.

Nearly seven in 10 say the year gone by was a bad one, more than double those who consider it a success, according to the poll. But 62 percent are optimistic about what 2012 will bring for the nation, and 78 percent are hopeful about the year their family will have in 2012.

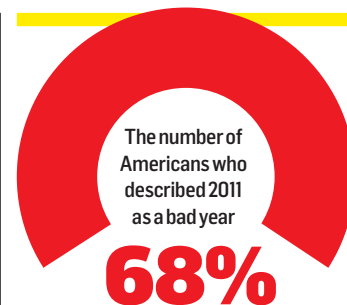
Jeff Wolfe, 33, of Farmington, W.Va., said 2011 treated him well

because he was able to find steady work as a lineman. "For the first time since 2009, I worked all year," he said. Wolfe said he lost work in 2008 and again in 2010. But in 2011, the father of two school-age children said he was able to catch up on bills, buy his wife a new car and renovate his home.

A partisan divide, much like the one that ruled Washington this year, seems the only split in public opinion on 2011. Democrats were most likely to view 2011 positively (40 percent called it good), while independents and Republicans were less effusive. Beyond that, the poll found general agreement that 2011 is best left in the past.

Mary Burke, 57, of Ridgeland, S.C., felt economic pain in 2011. She saw prices rise for all of her expenses, from her light bill to groceries. "Paying \$5 for a jar of mayonnaise is outrageous," she said.

Food and gas prices surged in 2011, but the most recent Consumer Price Index shows inflation leveling off. November statistics from the government showed a year-over-year inflation rate of 3.4 percent, the

**Great Expectations**

According to the poll, 37 percent expect economic improvement in the next 12 months, compared with 24 percent who think the economy will slide downhill. That's the first time since May that significantly more people said things will get better than get worse. (AP)

smallest such rise since April.

Optimism about the nation's path varies with views of the economy's direction. Those who say things have looked better in the past month are generally optimistic (79 percent), while just half of those who say things are getting worse feel positive about what 2012 holds for the country. JENNIFER AGIESTA (AP)

Nearly seven in 10 say 2011 was bad, more than double those who consider it a success, according to the poll.



Pieces of History: The owner of the largest trove of artifacts salvaged from the Titanic is putting the vast collection up for auction as a single lot in 2012 on the 100th anniversary of the world's most famous shipwreck. More than 5,500 items, including fine china, ship fittings and portions of hull that were recovered from the ocean liner, have an estimated value of \$189 million and will be auctioned April 1 in New York City. by Guernsey's. (AP)



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In NYC, Preparing for the Big Countdown



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TIMES SQUARE ALLIANCE PRESIDENT Tim Tompkins watches Thursday as a handful of confetti falls onto the streets of Times Square. The annual airworthiness test is conducted in preparation for the release of a ton of confetti by hand from Times Square buildings at midnight on New Year's Eve.

Suit: Give Back Twitter Followers

Columbia, S.C.

An Internet company has sued one of its former employees, saying the worker cost the company thousands of dollars in lost business when he took 17,000 Twitter followers with him when he left the firm.

PhoneDog LLC filed a lawsuit in July against Noah Kravitz, a writer who worked for the Mount Pleasant, S.C., company from 2006 until last year. Attorneys for the website, which reviews mobile devices such as phones and tablets, said Kravitz owes them \$340,000.

The company said when Kravitz resigned, he changed his Twitter name from PhoneDog_Noah to noahkravitz, and kept his 17,000

**“Twitter followers
can come and go. ...
It’s very transient.”**

— **STEVE O'DONNELL**, A PATENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ATTORNEY, ON PHONEDOG LLC SUING AN EX-EMPLOYEE OVER 17,000 TWITTER FOLLOWERS.

followers. The company said the followers should be treated like a customer list — therefore PhoneDog's property — and that Kravitz should pay \$2.50 per follower per month for eight months, or a total of \$340,000.

Kravitz said PhoneDog objected to his use of the Twitter account only after he sued them in June for unpaid wages. MEG KINNARD (AP)

Paul, the Newest Iowa Obstacle

GOP rivals find they can't afford to ignore candidate anymore

Des Moines

Ron Paul is the Republican the Republican establishment wants to ignore. Right now they can't seem to take their eyes off him.

Many Republicans see him as a fringe candidate, a politician whose views on foreign policy and the legalization of drugs put him far outside the mainstream of the party. They would like to dismiss him, but here in Iowa it's impossible to do so. Among the candidates, only Mitt Romney seems happy with the strength Paul is demonstrating.

Paul is a potential threat to win the caucuses Tuesday, but just as important, he is an obstacle to every candidate other than Romney. They are seeking to get into a post-Iowa pairing match-up against the former Massachusetts governor, who appears to be positioned to win here but who wouldn't mind losing, if Paul is the winner.

Newt Gingrich, dropping in the polls here, said Tuesday he would not vote for Paul if the libertarian candidate were the GOP nominee. Rick Santorum, rising in the polls



CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

Ron Paul waits before speaking at a campaign event Thursday at the Hotel Pattee in Perry, Iowa. The candidate is a potential threat to win the caucuses on Tuesday.

Meanwhile in N.H.



The political world is spinning in Iowa this week.

And Jon Huntsman says he doesn't care. The former Utah governor is hunkered down in New Hampshire, where he's staking his entire candidacy on a strong finish in the Jan. 10 GOP primary. Huntsman says he may leave the race if he doesn't finish in the top three. (AP)

in Iowa at just the right moment, said Paul has no track record of accomplishment in Congress. Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who is attacking

a lot of his rivals, went after him
at a recent breakfast.

Michele Bachmann, embarrassed by the defection of her state chairman to Paul's campaign Wednesday, has been hammering him for weeks. She told reporters Thursday morning Paul is dangerous on Iran, weak on same-sex marriage federally, and plain wrong on drugs.

Romney has generally refrained from criticizing Paul, but even he said this week his rival is dead wrong on Iran. But he probably won't go much further right now in trying to knock Paul down. He'd like nothing better than a final contest matched up against Paul rather than, say, Gingrich or one of the others. **DAN BALZ (THE WASHINGTON POST)**



All In: A book due out in January says four-star general-turned-CIA director David Petraeus rejected an urging to step down following his disagreements with President Obama's decision to withdraw surge forces in Afghanistan by October 2012. "All In: The Education of General David Petraeus," by Paula Broadwell and the Washington Post's Vernon Loeb says conservative writer Max Boot encouraged Petraeus to resign, but Petraeus said it would have been a "selfish" move. (AP)



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World

In Brief



Villagers gather Thursday around the victims of an airstrike in Sirnak, Turkey.

ANKARA, TURKEY

35 Mistakenly Killed In Airstrike, Turkey Says

Turkish warplanes mistakenly killed 35 smugglers and other villagers in an operation targeting Kurdish rebels along the Iraqi border, a senior official said Thursday. The deaths spurred angry demonstrations in Istanbul and other cities. (AP)

MOSCOW

Russian Nuke Sub Burns In Shipyard, Officials Say

A fire engulfed a Russian nuclear submarine at an Arctic shipyard Thursday, but there was no radiation leak, officials said. The fire occurred while the sub was in dock for repairs in the Murmansk region, officials said. (AP)



CRIME

Snuffed Out

An Argentine province is cracking down on a beloved holiday tradition: the lighting of paraffin wax inside paper balloons each Christmas and New Year's Eve. The flying fireballs can be seen rising through the night sky. But what goes up must come down, and in the central province of Cordoba alone, 14 fires were reported this Christmas Eve, most of them blamed on the balloons. (AP)

Egypt Targets 10 Activist Groups

17 office raids come as leaders scrutinize use of foreign aid

Cairo

Egyptian security forces on Thursday stormed the offices of 10 human rights and pro-democracy groups that are accused by the country's military rulers of destabilizing security by fomenting protests with the help of foreign funding.

The raids on 17 offices throughout Egypt are part of the ruling generals' attempt to blame "foreign hands" for the unrest that continues to roil Egypt since the

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The amount in U.S. aid that Cairo receives annually for its military, by far the largest recipient of foreign funding in Egypt. (AP)

18-day revolt that ousted longtime leader Hosni Mubarak in February but that activists say failed to topple his regime.

The raids on the non-governmental organizations, including several based in the U.S., were the first since Mubarak's ouster, though Egyptian officials have been levying accusations for months that civil society groups are serving a

Meanwhile ...

In a move likely to stir unrest, an Egyptian court on Thursday acquitted five policemen of charges of killing five protesters and wounding six others during the uprising in January and February that ousted Hosni Mubarak, in which more than 800 protesters were killed. Mubarak is also on trial on charges he ordered the killing of protesters. (AP)

foreign agenda. This month, Justice Minister Adel Abdel-Hamid accused about 300 nonprofit groups of receiving unauthorized foreign funding to aid protests.

Egypt's leading pro-democracy advocate, Nobel peace laureate Mohamed ElBaradei, denounced the raids. "Human rights organizations are the guardians of nascent freedom. Efforts to suffocate them will be a major setback and will surely backfire," he wrote on his Twitter account.

The Obama administration demanded Egyptian authorities immediately halt the raids.

The security sweep on civil society offices comes on the heels of a military crackdown on protesters. At least 17 protesters were killed last week, adding to the roughly 100 people killed in clashes since Mubarak's ouster. AYA BATRAWY (AP)

Mourning in N. Korea Draws to a Close



MOURNERS ATTEND A FINAL MEMORIAL SERVICE on Thursday in Pyongyang, North Korea, for Kim Jong Il, who died Dec. 17. North Korea's power brokers also publicly declared Kim's son, Kim Jong Un, the country's supreme leader for the first time, cementing the family's grip on power.

Observers Re-energize Demonstrators in Syria

Homs, Syria

The presence of Arab League monitors in Syria has re-energized the anti-government protest movement, with tens of thousands turning out over the past three days in cities where the observers are expected to visit. The huge rallies have been met by lethal gunfire from security forces apparently worried about mass sit-ins modeled after Cairo's Tahrir Square.

Troops killed at least 26 protesters across the country, activists said Thursday. A key activist network, the Local Coordination Committees, said it has documented 130 people killed since the Arab League monitors arrived Monday.

The violence is in part reinforcing the opposition's view that Syria's limited cooperation with the observers is nothing more than a farce by President Bashar Assad to forestall more sanctions.

"We know the observers won't do anything to help us. But still, we want ... to let them know what is really happening here."

— YAHYA ABDEL-BARI, AN ACTIVIST IN DAMASCUS, DISCUSSING THE PROTESTS THAT RENEWED IN SYRIA THIS WEEK.

Still, the 60 monitors have invigorated protesters and motivated them to take to the streets again in large numbers.

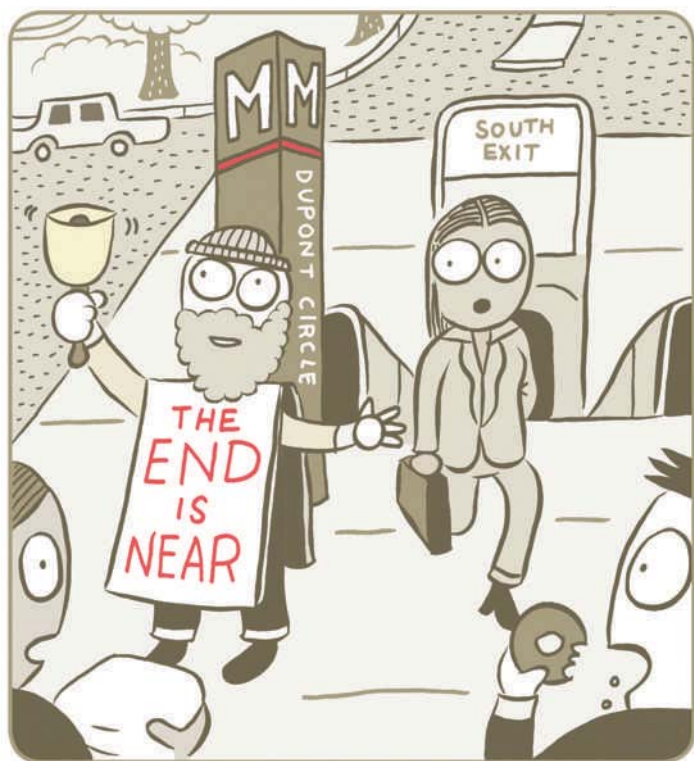
The monitors are to ensure the regime complies with terms of the Arab League plan to end Assad's crackdown on dissent. The U.N. says more than 5,000 people have died in the uprising since March. (AP)

137 The number of people a Swiss panel cleared of the criminal records they received for helping Jews escape the Nazis in World War II. The panel, now winding down, was set up in 2004 to use a new law that allowed for posthumous recognition of people unfairly criminalized for violating Swiss laws on neutrality by smuggling Jews. (AP)

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Exit Strategies

A terrible John Cusack movie predicted the end of the world in 2012. I'm predicting something even more certain for the new year: the closure of the south entrance to the Dupont Circle Metro station. The latest plan calls for an 8½-month shutdown (starting around Feb. 1) while WMATA rips out all three troublesome escalators and replaces them with new models.

To some downtown denizens, that practically is the end of the world. "It's going to suck," complains 30-year-old Warren Chang, whose office is just two buildings down from the south exit. Although he recognizes the need for repairs — "The escalators are broken every other day," he says — he wishes the job didn't have to take so long.

Same goes for Yvette Kirkland, who works across the street at

Kababji Grill. The 41-year-old worries about the economic impact of the shutdown. "It's going to kill this whole section," she says as we watch throngs of commuters emerge from the station and head directly into Cosi and Krispy Kreme.

If I had to go to Dupont regularly, I'd be dreading the inevitable crowding.

It's one of the busiest stops in the system, and now everyone will

be channeled through one entrance rather than two. Hopefully, some folks will take note of the WMATA signs reminding riders they'll also have the option of using Farragut North. (It could be a good call, depending on where you're headed. I timed it: It took just over 4 minutes to get from one side of Dupont to the other, and 7 minutes to get from Farragut to Dupont.)

Speaking of those WMATA signs, they're everywhere. There's an electronic one at the foot of the escalators blaring the news and directing people to Wmata.com/Dupont for the full scoop. There are colorful ones posted aboveground, too, explaining various elements of the project and apologizing repeatedly for the inconvenience.

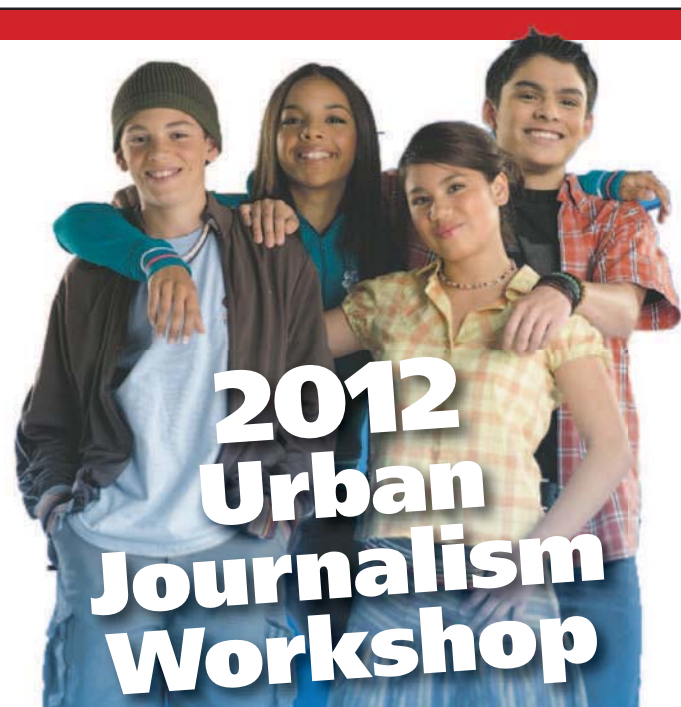
Still, Emily Murray, 34, suspects many of her fellow commuters remain oblivious to the message. "It's noticeable, but people are busy and rushing around," she says. And no matter the number of warnings, some people are bound to be surprised when they find out they'll have to hoof it.

Take, for instance, Circulator riders. The District Department of Transportation has decided not to alter the route between Georgetown and Dupont. That means passengers will continue to be dropped off at the south entrance, which won't be an entrance at all. Moving the stop to the north side of the circle would mess too much with bus reliability, explains DDOT's Monica Hernandez.

Achieving escalator reliability just requires some irritability right now. But it could be worse. At least riders won't be forced to sit through "2012."



By Vicky Hallett



The Washington Post Young Journalists Development Program (YJDP) and the Washington Association of Black Journalists present the Urban Journalism Workshop (UJW). The workshop gives high school students in the Washington area an inside look at careers in journalism. Experienced journalists from the Washington Post, the Associated Press, National Public Radio and other media companies teach UJW students the basics of newspaper, broadcast and multimedia journalism. Three scholarship awards will be presented to seniors who excel during the workshop and demonstrate strong research, reporting and writing ability. There is no fee to apply or attend.

Fast Facts:

- ✓ Workshops meet for eight consecutive Saturdays from March 3 – April 28.
- ✓ Sessions run from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at various sites throughout Washington, D.C.
- ✓ Scholarships will be based on an essay, stories produced in the workshop and participation in all eight sessions.
- ✓ All students attending high schools in the Washington area are encouraged to apply. Students should contact their journalism advisor or media instructor for details.
- ✓ Applications must be postmarked or delivered by Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

How do I apply?

To download an application and learn more about the Urban Journalism Workshop, visit www.ujwonline.org or www.washingtonpost.com/community-relations/young-journalists.

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In Brief



Dick Heller sued the District of Columbia over its handgun ownership ban in 2003.

WASHINGTON
D.C. Ordered to Pay \$1M
In Historic Gun Law Case

The District of Columbia has been ordered to pay more than \$1 million in attorneys' fees as a result of a historic gun case that was ultimately decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. Dick Heller sued the city in 2003 over its ban on handgun ownership, and the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the ban in June 2008, saying it violated the Second Amendment. (AP)

ROCKVILLE, MD.
Man Indicted in Death of
Estranged Wife, Stepson

A man has been indicted in Montgomery County in the killings of his estranged wife and stepson. Prosecutors on Thursday announced a five-count indictment charging 45-year-old Curtis Lopez with murder, robbery and kidnapping. He's accused of fatally stabbing Jane McQuain and beating her to death inside her Germantown apartment. Police found her body in the apartment on Oct. 12, and six days later officers discovered the body of her 11-year-old son, William, in the woods in Clarksburg. (AP)

RICHMOND, VA.
Republican Donner Drops
Out of Va. U.S. Senate Race

One of five Republican candidates for Virginia's open U.S. Senate seat is dropping out of the contest. Northern Virginia television production company owner Tim Donner dropped out of the race on Wednesday. Donner says most Republicans and the state party appear to support frontrunner George Allen, a former U.S. senator and governor. (AP)

Va. Abortion Regulations OK'd

Governor signs off on
rules that could force
clinics to be shuttered

Richmond, Va.

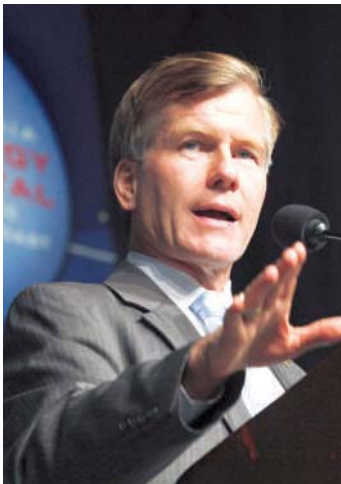
Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell signed off Thursday on new state rules to regulate abortion clinics like hospitals. The new regulations, which abortion-rights groups have said could shut down many of the state's clinics, took effect immediately.

McDonnell's signature was the last hurdle for the stricter standards, which earlier cleared Virginia's

departments of Planning and Budget, and Health and Human Resources.

"These regulations are a product of an amendment that passed both the House and Senate with bipartisan support," Taylor Thornley, McDonnell's deputy communications director, said in a written statement. "The governor believes these common-sense regulations will help ensure that this procedure takes place in facilities that are modern, safe and well-regulated, in order to help ensure the safety and well-being of all patients."

The regulations treat abortion clinics as ambulatory surgery cen-



Va. Gov. Robert McDonnell's signature for the new regulations was expected.

ters instead of doctor's offices, as they have been classified. Clinics must meet hospital-type standards mandating the size of exam rooms and the width of hallways.

The regulations also establish new requirements for inspections, medical procedures and record-keeping.

Antiabortion advocates say the changes will make the clinics safer for women. Abortion-clinic operators have said the regulations, approved in September by the Virginia Board of Health, could cause many of the state's clinics to close. LAURA VOZZELLA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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MEMBERS OF THE CAPITOL STEPS, Ann Margaret Schmitt, left, and Elaina Newport get ready backstage Dec. 23. The political satire troupe was prepping for its 30th anniversary performance Friday at the Reagan Building. | postlocal.com

D.C. On Pace For
Lowest Murder
Rate in 48 Years

Washington

District of Columbia officials say the city is on course to record the lowest homicide rate in nearly half a century.

The decline mirrors a nationwide trend of falling rates in major American cities.

But it's startling in a city that was ravaged by the crack epidemic two decades ago and where homicides totaled 479 in 1991.

There were 108 homicides as of Thursday. Officials said the number hasn't been that low since the early 1963.

D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray told The Associated Press on Thursday that people feel safer in the city. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Dec. 29

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	0-8-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-9-5
Mid-day Pick 4	8-0-3-5
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-1-0-9
Match 5 (Wed.)	9-11-20-25-32 (33)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	5-7-20-32-37-39

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	8-8-2
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	9-6-7
Mid-day DC 4	0-6-1-0
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	0-4-4-0
Mid-day D.C. Five	4-6-3-2-2
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	2-4-9-6-1
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	7-15-19-23-27 (14)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	1-1-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-9-0
Mid-day Pick 4	0-1-6-0
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-3-8-1
Mid-day Cash 5	5-11-26-27-34
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	1-7-8-13-26
Win For Life (Wed.)	3-7-14-16-20-30 (26)

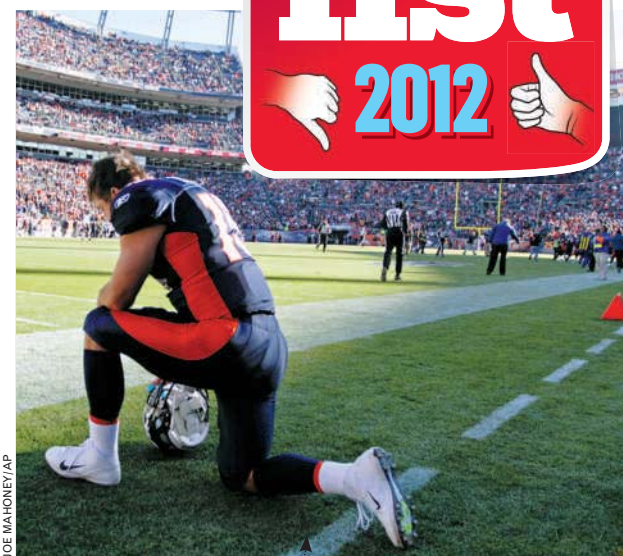
Multi-State Games

Powerball	16-21-27-41-45 (14)
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All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

We, the sheeple, all 7 billion of us...

...are occupying this page. We're beyond declarations. We have demands. A list of them, somewhere between the number of federal programs Rick Perry would cut and the population of Ubeki-beki-beki-beki-stan-stan. But it gets better! (Ish.) The List makes order out of chaos, democracy out of anarchy. And we have a helper this year: "Siri, please provide some direction." "Where would you like to go?" "2012." "I don't know where that is." Fine, we'll get there ourselves. MONICA HESSE AND DAN ZAK (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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TV Lineup



Alex Ovechkin and the Capitals host the Buffalo Sabres at Verizon Center Friday.

Friday

NOON BYU heads to Dallas to take on Tulsa in the Armed Forces Bowl. ESPN

7 P.M. The Capitals try to avenge their loss to the Sabres at home. CSN

8:30 P.M. The Wizards travel to Milwaukee to tip off against the Bucks.

10 P.M. Iowa faces Oklahoma in the Insight Bowl in Tempe, Ariz.

Saturday

2 P.M. The Hoyas welcome Providence to the Verizon Center in their first home game in the Big East. ESPN2

2 P.M. The Terps host Samford in their penultimate tuneup before the ACC schedule begins. CSN

7 P.M. The Capitals travel to Columbus to take on the Blue Jackets. CSN
7:30 P.M. Virginia battles Auburn in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl in Atlanta.

Sunday

6 P.M. The Celtics come to town for a New Year's Day tilt with the Wizards. CSN

1 P.M. The New York Jets travel to Miami to face the Dolphins, looking to stay out of the AFC East cellar. CBS

4 P.M. The Ravens head out to Cincinnati to face their division-rival Bengals, who are looking for a wildcard spot in the playoffs. CBS

8:20 P.M. The Giants and the Cowboys clash at the Meadowlands to determine the NFC East champ. NBC



Redskins QB Rex Grossman takes the field before last Sunday's 33-36 loss to the Minnesota Vikings at FedEx Field. Grossman has 19 INTs on the year.

The Bitter End

Up against the Eagles, the Redskins close out another vexing season

The Redskins

The playoff window closed months ago. The opportunity to play spoiler disappeared last week. And so, as the Redskins prepare for Sunday's season-ending game at Philadelphia, motivation comes from the purest goal there is.



1 P.M.
Sunday | FOX



"We play to win," Washington coach Mike Shanahan said. "I told you that from day one."

It doesn't matter what their record is, we're playing to win."

This season may go down as another lost campaign, but the Redskins hope to finish with a flourish.

"We have to finish this thing out

"I feel like I've put a lot of good tape out there. Obviously, I've had some turnovers. Some I could control, some I couldn't."

— REX GROSSMAN, REDSKINS QUARTERBACK, LOOKING BACK ON THE REDSKINS SEASON. HE WAS BENCHED AFTER WEEK 6 FOR JOHN BECK.

right," linebacker Brian Orakpo said.

The best way for fans to approach this game is as if they are watching an audition for next season.

Trying out for the starring role will be quarterback Rex Grossman, who inexplicably has played his way into the conversation for next year by throwing for 2,895 yards and 15 touchdowns, and more importantly, building a certain aura of confidence with his teammates despite his 19 interceptions.

"I feel like I've put a lot of good tape out there," Grossman said. "Obviously,

I've had some turnovers. Some I could control, some I couldn't."

One area of the offense that appears to be a strength is running back, where, even after the release of Ryan Torain, the Redskins have young, hungry running backs in Roy Helu and Evan Royster and a veteran presence in Tim Hightower, who will look to come back from an injury next season.

On the defensive side, the Redskins have performed about as well as they could, given the offense's struggles.

But last week's performance against Minnesota was their worst effort of the season, and Washington has had its troubles with Michael Vick in the past.

The promise of the Redskins 3-1 start may have crashed and burned, but Shanahan said the season finale is a new beginning.

"I like the nucleus of our team," Shanahan said. "We're younger. I think we've got a great attitude and we're going in the right direction."

ELLIOTT SMITH

3 Things To Watch

1 The Hang-over: Neither team has anything to play for, so it will be interesting to read the body language of the players to tell if they have already started planning their vacations.



2 Seven-Up: Michael Vick gives Redskins defenders nightmares, but if they can keep Vick in the pocket, they might be able to avoid the big plays that have killed them against Philly.



3 Evan Almighty: Evan Royster had a huge game in his first start and likely will get the nod again opposite an Eagles defense that has struggled against the run all year.

Wizards Must Adjust on the Fly

Condensed schedule brings changes for NBA players' routine

The Wizards

Two games into the season, the Wizards have shown they have enough problems without having to worry about what could be the biggest storyline of the NBA season — the 66-game schedule.

In order to cram in as much basketball as possible before the traditional start of the postseason, the NBA brass built a slate that forces every team to play and play often. For example, starting Friday night in Milwaukee, the Wizards will play five games in eight nights, including trips to Boston and Orlando.



Wizards PG John Wall reacts after hitting the floor against the Hawks Wednesday.

Boo hoo, you might say. Aren't NBA players supposed to be ready to play at all times? Well, yes, but this schedule certainly will impact

the quality of play in a variety of ways.

Younger teams such as the Wizards may have an advantage in that

they have fresher legs, but the travel and the game time put a dent in the important practice sessions needed for growth and scouting.

"A lot of people have said things about the number of games, but we're in the AAU phase with our players," Washington coach Flip Saunders said. "They are used to playing three games in a day. We just have to make sure they get the proper rest when they aren't playing."

According to Blatche, who has been known to sample the D.C. nightlife during his time with the Wizards, that means changing the routine.

"After each game you want to get in that cold tub and just relax and get off your feet," he said. "Then you get yourself something to eat and go home." ELLIOTT SMITH

In Brief



Steelers' QB Ben Roethlisberger sat out last week's game against the Rams.

PRO FOOTBALL

Roethlisberger Says He's Ready to Play Browns

Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger says he'll be on the field Sunday for Pittsburgh's regular-season finale against the Cleveland Browns, as long as he can deal with the pain of his sprained left ankle. Roethlisberger, who sat out last Sunday's win over St. Louis to rest his ankle, practiced again Thursday. Offensive coordinator Bruce Arians says he's much more confident in Roethlisberger's ability to play after he moved around better than he did during Wednesday's practice. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

McCoy Improved Since Concussion on Dec. 8

Browns QB Colt McCoy says he doesn't blame Cleveland's medical staff for how they handled his head injury. Sporting a new beard, McCoy said he's making progress from the concussion, which he sustained on a helmet-to-helmet by Steelers linebacker James Harrison on Dec. 8. McCoy declined several chances to discuss the specifics of his injury or his lingering symptoms. (AP)

TENNIS

Nadal to Rest Shoulder

Rafael Nadal plans to take several weeks off after the Australian Open to recover from a nagging shoulder injury. The second-ranked Nadal said Thursday the injury surfaced before the ATP World Tour Finals in November and that he was still "not 100 percent." He decided only three days ago to defend his title at the World Tennis Championships, a two-day exhibition tournament in Abu Dhabi. (AP)

Kahne Sorry For Comments on Breast-feeding

NASCAR

NASCAR driver Kasey Kahne has apologized for comments he made on his Twitter account about public breast-feeding.



Kahne

According to media reports, Kahne posted messages on his account that he saw a mother breast-feeding a child in a supermarket, calling it "nasty" and saying he didn't "feel like shopping any more or eating."

Reports say Kahne then sent a crude reply message to a Twitter user who took issue with his comments.

Kahne posted an apology on his Facebook page Wednesday, saying it wasn't his intention "to offend any mother who chooses to breastfeed her child." (AP)

Sunday Pick'Em

Clinton Yates

LUNCHLINE, EXPRESS

Dan Steinberg

D.C. SPORTS BOG, THE WASHINGTON POST

Tommy Keffe

BAR MANAGER, PUBLIC BAR

Arnie Applebaum

GENERAL MANAGER, EXPRESS



REDSKINS (PLUS 9) AT EAGLES

EAGLES

The Redskins are terrible. The Eagles are not. Simple math.

EAGLES

There's always 2012. Or 2013. Or 2014. Or whatever.

EAGLES

There's still no need for a trophy case in Philadelphia.

EAGLES

Rex Grossman says his confidence "is at an all time high." That means 3 interceptions.



RAVENS (MINUS 2) AT BENGALS

RAVENS

If the Bengals get 'buy one get one free' touchdowns, they might have a chance.

RAVENS

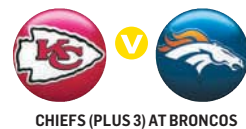
Andy Dalton couldn't cut it at Ball So Hard University.

BENGALS

Bengals "flip" the script and beat on the Ravens. Great seats still available.

RAVENS

Kids all over America are breaking furniture tryin' to be like J. Simpson.



CHIEFS (PLUS 3) AT BRONCOS

BRONCOS

Tim Tebow on Saturday only worked at Florida. It's back to Sunday, so look out.

BRONCOS

Fate is rumbling in my soul. Either that or breakfast.

BRONCOS

After Sunday, Kyle Orton will be forgiven and Tim Tebow will be anointed.

BRONCOS

WTTD—what will Tebow do?



CHARGERS (PLUS 3) AT RAIDERS

RAIDERS

Now you'll understand why they traded multiple picks for Carson Palmer.

RAIDERS

The AFC West: distracting America from the NFC East's awfulness for four months.

RAIDERS

Chargers swag is gone. Season epic fail. Bible.

RAIDERS

Bye, bye, Norv Turner. It's been real.



COWBOYS (PLUS 3) AT GIANTS

GIANTS

I don't believe that this Cowboys team has the moxie to make the playoffs.

COWBOYS

Just because this division hasn't made sense for one second this season.

GIANTS

Cowboys get backhanded by the Giants, yet Tony Romo has the swollen hand.

GIANTS

Dez Bryant owes me money, too.

Season Tally: Public Bar, 44-26; Matt Swenson, 43-27; Clinton Yates, 38-32; Dan Steinberg, 35-30; Arnie Applebaum, 34-36

sports

NFC East: Winner Takes All

Cowboys and Giants' primetime matchup to determine division

Pro Football

For the NFL schedule maker, this is perfection.

After a season of inconsistency and disappointments, the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants play one game that will make the winner forget the frustrations of the regular season and send the other home for a long rest.



Archrivals facing off for a division title in prime time. Delicious.

The Cowboys (8-7) and Giants (8-7) close the regular season Sunday night at MetLife Stadium, the winner getting a first-round home game against either Atlanta or Detroit. Oh, in case of a tie, which hasn't happened all season in the



The Giants' Jason Pierre-Paul blocks a Cowboys' field goal attempt in the 4th quarter on Dec. 11 in Dallas.



"I think everyone knows this is the most important game of the season. We all know what's at stake."

— DAVID DIEHL, NEW YORK GIANTS' LEFT TACKLE, SPEAKING ON SUNDAY'S DIVISION MATCHUP AGAINST THE COWBOYS.

NFL, the Giants capture the division and return to the playoffs for the first time since 2008 based on head-to-head play.

"I think everyone knows this is the most important game of the season," Giants veteran left tackle David Diehl said. "We all know what's at stake. We know what we are playing for. When we started this season our No. 1 goal was to win the division and here we are. It's right in front of us."

The division title has been in

front of both teams all season, and neither has grabbed hold of it.

The Giants won six of their first eight games, then went on a four-game losing streak to fall a game behind the Cowboys in early December. New York, however, rallied from a 12-point deficit on Dec. 11 to beat Dallas 37-34 and regain first place on a tiebreaker.

The momentum lasted a week. New York put in a no-show in losing to Washington on Dec. 18, putting Dallas back in first. Of course, the inconsistency continued last week as the Giants played one of their best games of the season in knocking off and shutting up the local rival Jets 29-14. Meanwhile, Dallas lost to Philadelphia for the second time this season and quarterback Tony Romo bruised his right hand — his passing hand.

So who shows up this week with everything on the line? Who knows?

"I think these two teams are very comparable team-wise, not only in record but the types of seasons we have had," said Romo, who plans on playing. "I suspect that talent-wise, we are pretty close so there will be a few plays here or there that will decide this game. We have to be ready to make those plays." (AP)



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Diane von Furstenberg

ICONIC DESIGNER, WRAP-DRESS STAR

American women probably all owe designer Diane von Furstenberg a thank-you note. After all, she liberated them from boxy suits in the '70s with her iconic wrap dress, makes it possible for them to wear prints without looking like sofas, and helps vault young designers into the public eye as president of the Council of Fashion Designers (CFDA). But at 64, she's not slowing her invariably high-heeled pace. Last year, she launched a home collection bearing her trademark prints, and this fall, she debuted a new fragrance, Diane.

What does Diane the perfume smell like?

Delicious! I have nothing more personal to offer. It's got frangipane, which is very clean and optimistic, and violet, which is differ-

ent and very discreet. It's very yin and yang.

Why do you think fragrance appeals to women so much?

Perfume has been a weapon for women since antiquity! It's a super-important accessory.

You are known for prints. What's the secret to doing them but not making them frumpy?

I teach my designers to make prints with movement. It's like an animal! Deer, fish, leopards have movements when they walk, and I think that's key. For spring, I did them inspired by modern Africa.

What's it been like heading up the CFDA??

It's been wonderful, because I like the idea of giving back, teach-

ing things and giving away your knowledge.

You launched a home collection last year. Has that been hard to design?

It comes naturally to me, because it's all about prints, colors and living comfortably in this non-formal chic. I think the pieces look bohemian, like things you've bought all over the world.

"Perfume has been a weapon for women since antiquity! It's a super-important accessory."

You dress women of a variety of ages. Did you ever expect that would be the case?

It's funny. When I was in my early 20s and I designed the wrap dress, my mother, who was in her 40s, wore it. And now I'm a grandmother, and I see them in the showroom and I think, 'What a dress, I would buy that!' It's kind of a dress for the beginning of your life, but it works later too.

How do you keep dressing well as you age?

There are some things I can no longer wear, but I think the most important thing in life is to be confident, to be who you are and the best that you can be. I just try for practical and effortlessly chic.

What keeps you going after decades in the business?

I am still so passionate about what I do. I'm empowering women by making them look beautiful. That keeps me relevant and gives my life a purpose. It's a nice feeling!

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Closing Good Times

Missed the last of the good markdowns at the soon-to-be-late, great Filene's Basement? Other retail recession casualties offering bye-bye buys include Logan Circle's ACKC (1529 14th St. NW), with post-closing deals on Sunday, and the Chevy Chase Pottery Barn (5345 Wisconsin Ave. NW), which will offer discounts through Jan. 16.

goods **lookout****1****Buzzy Logic**

THAT POD COFFEE system at your office is fine, if you're OK with bland stuff like Shiva's Moderately Pleasant Chai or Some Random Scenic California Bay Blend. But for javaheads who crave their beans strong, quick and not from a zillion lira machine, the Aerobie Aeropress Coffee and Espresso Maker (\$25, Amazon.com) provides a jolt in a jiffy. Simply add ground beans to the thing, pour hot water over and press down the top plunger and sip or gulp.

Grab Bag**The Bright Side**

LA-COOL CLOTHING designer Trina Turk wins over boho fashionistas with her mod-print tunics and are-we-in-1950s-Vegas? bikinis. But her latest efforts — note cards she collaborated on with for Dempsey & Carroll — smack more of the country club than the beach club. Proper-yet-punchy missives (\$65 for 10, A Mano, 1677 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-298-7200) boast bright paisley or geometric print envelope linings, which make it easier and chicer to write Aunt Wanda a thank-you note for the Christmas Chia Pet.

3**2****Game Changer**

WE CAN'T CONDONE (or afford) going on a wild game hunt in the Serengenti over the long weekend. But Ballard Designs' new, no-animals-harmed faux zebra-hide rugs (above, \$200, Ballarddesigns.com) provide a dash of wild chic sans any big guns or troublesome taxidermy bills. A similar leopard-print style also works well in both macho, Hemingway-inspired dens or in minimalist bathrooms. Similar patterns come on doormats (\$30-\$49) and outdoor rugs, too.

4**Nicely Spiced****GOOGLE**
"GINGER ALE,"

and a sea of green cans and bottles come up, all bearing the warring houses of Canada Dry and Schweppes. But in a taste test, we preferred the new, less-carbonated, less sweet Q Ginger (\$4, Whole Foods and Giant), which works nicely with bourbon or other mixings on New Year's Eve, or with a handful of aspirin the morning after.

**Dear Manolo**

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Now that all my Christmas shopping is done, I can address finding a pair of shoes to wear on New Year's Eve. My husband and I are going out with some people from his office (including his big boss) for a fancy evening of dinner, dancing and drinks. What do you suggest?

— MARILYN

Manolo says the Manolo is sad to say that the formally elegant sartorial traditions surrounding the New Year's Eve celebrations are slowly fading into the past. Where once we took pride in our appearance, shooting our cuffs and adjusting our cummerbunds before stepping onto the public stage, now we simply tighten our drawstrings and hope for the best.



Undoubtedly, our future celebrations will find us wearing brightly colored unisex jumpsuits made from miraculous fabrics that holographically conceal the shabbiness of our underclothing.

And now the Manolo will reveal to you the forgotten secret of why dressing up for the New Year's celebration is important: it both sacralizes the occasion and makes us feel better about ourselves. Beautiful clothing has the potential to elevate and ennoble us, to remind us of our potential to transcend the mundane problems of the ordinary world.

More than this, it is just fun, and what better reason can you have than that? Here is the Tracking from Stuart Weitzman (\$194, Zappos.com), the elegant strappy sandal perfect for the eve of the new year.



MARGIE/EXPRESS

5 Dude Awakening**RUGGED MEN WHO**

hate shopping might feel differently about a store displaying vintage Playboys and gin. At Federal (2216 14th St. NW), workwear labels (Levi's, Red Wing) are set off by wood paneling, U.S. flags and deer skulls, inviting guys' guys to nab plaid throws (\$88) and Filson bags.



**after
deadline****Express columnists aren't automatons who output opinions**

or dispense advice, then turn off for the week (even if they may sometimes feel that way). They all watch television, for instance. And futz around on the Internet. Some of them even read books and eat food! For the last Express of the year, they were each commanded to reveal their favorite diversions of 2011. (EXPRESS)



For more of what Express likes — and we have excellent taste — follow our new Tumblr: expressafterdeadline.tumblr.com.



Marc Silver
Broadcast
Muse

MOVIE
"Our Idiot Brother"

It wasn't a blockbuster, just an utterly and unexpectedly sweet comedy about bearded, long-haired Ned (a charming Paul Rudd) who sells marijuana to a UNIFORMED COP, lands in jail, is dumped by his girlfriend, and gets caught up in the lives of his mixed-up, high-strung sisters.

BOOK
"Scenes from Village Life" by Amos Oz

Israel's greatest novelist spins deceptively understated tales of a gentrifying pioneer village's residents, all of whom are waiting for someone or something that never seems to come.

**ALBUM**
"Black Cloud" by Davina and the Vagabonds

Davina Sowers is many women: Betty Boop, Mae West, rollicking blues-tinged pianist, vaudevillian show-off. She shines like a slightly wacky star on her new album, especially on the title song, in which she seductively petitions "Mr. Lucky Man" to remove the Black Cloud that hangs over her light.

COOKIE
Irene's Biscotti (sold at Whole Foods)

Crisp yet slightly chewy, each wedge is a mere 20 calories in raisin or cranberry variety, or 25 in chocolate and coffee flavors, and while they are a tad sawdusty you can consume FIVE and take in only 100 or so calories — a holiday miracle.



Vicky Hallett
DC Rider

MOVIE
"50/50"

Chances are you'll shed a few tears watching Joseph Gordon-Levitt play a sweetheart of a guy whose cancer diagnosis destroys his relationship with his girlfriend, demands regular treatments with agonizing side effects and forces him to face the very real possibility of death. But I bet you'll laugh more than you'll cry.

BOOK
"Unfamiliar Fishes" by Sarah Vowell

Vowell's history of Hawaii combines her musings from travels around the islands with anecdotes about zany missionaries to create a quick, informative read that'll make you really crave a beach vacation.

TV SHOW
Downton Abbey

The Crawley family and their servants taught PBS viewers that, in early 20th-century England, a valet doesn't park your car (he picks out your cufflinks) and that there's nothing more important than who inherits one's estate, even on the brink of war. The second season starts Jan. 8.



Michelle Dockery plays the icy Lady Mary Crawley.

STORE
Trohev

Baltimore's best gift store spread its wings — an appropriate metaphor given the many bird motifs adorning its vast assortment of housewares, knick-knacks and cards — and set up a second shop in Takoma (232 Carroll St. NW; Trohvsop.com) this past spring.



Dr. Andrea Bonior
Baggage
Check

MUSICAL
"Jersey Boys"

I am sometimes rightly accused of being a time-travel transplant from the '60s, given my love for mid-century pop culture. Even if you think Frankie Valli is a brand of tomato sauce, though, you're bound to tap your toes to this one. The touring company, now at the National Theatre, pulls it off without a hitch.

**BOOK**
"The Terrible Privacy of Maxwell Sim" by Jonathan Coe

You've heard it before: Technology is changing how we relate to each other. But this novel — which takes off when Max is employed to drive toothbrushes to a remote location — is a true original.

TV SHOW
"Men of a Certain Age"

I am still stinging from its cancellation. Though it was Ray Romano's brainchild, don't be fooled — this TNT show is no "Everybody Loves Raymond: The Sequel." It's one of the few comedy-dramas to portray imperfect people without the need for a saccharine ribbon wrapping it all together at the end of the hour. Who can we bribe to bring it back?

MOVIE
"Bridesmaids"

OK, OK, as a mom of three I didn't get to see a whole lot of new movies this year. Still, how often do films — blockbuster, popular, buzzworthy films — focus on the true ups and downs of female friendship? Not nearly enough. And with not nearly enough diarrhea humor.

entertainment **lookout**

Fiona Zublin
Booze
Clues

FILM "Margin Call"

This barely fictionalized account of the 2008 financial crisis, set at a Lehman Brothers-like investment bank, slipped by most people unnoticed. That's a shame: Kevin Spacey, Zachary Quinto and Stanley Tucci all give killer performances, and the writing is tight and thrilling. This is the best movie ever made about Wall Street, and that includes "Wall Street."

MUSICAL "The Book of Mormon"

In a year marked by a depressingly facile discussion of religion in America, we can always count on Trey Parker and Matt Stone to keep things simultaneously silly, poignant, profane and tuneful.

BOOK "Pulphhead" by John Jeremiah Sullivan

It's about time the rest of the world discovered what a few of us already know: Sullivan is the most talented essayist working in America. This collection of his work covers some seriously disparate ground — Christian music festivals, cave systems of the central United States, Axl Rose.



TV SHOW "Community"

This is the best show on television, and if you're not watching it I hate you, because you are dragging down its ratings. Dan Harmon's meta-masterpiece, on hiatus on NBC, throws its ensemble cast down the rabbit hole of modern pop culture and comes up brilliant every time.



Katie Aberbach
Eater's
Digest

TV SHOW "Revenge"

The day I happened to catch the premiere of ABC's "Revenge" was a lucky one, because I'm not normally a soap opera person. "Revenge" sucked me right in. I can't get enough of its more-maniacal-than-meets-the-eye protagonist Emily Thorne, its twisty and utterly unrealistic plot and its preppy Hamptons setting.



Emily Thorne (Emily VanCamp) wants revenge.

CULTURAL EVENT The Royal Wedding

The April 29 nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton spawned countless fascinating products, including a collectible refrigerator, a "sick bag" (a nicer term than "barf bag") and Kate- and Wills-shaped tea bags. Then there's the T-Mobile commercial I still can't get over.

BOOK "The Tiger's Wife" by Téa Obreht

Obreht's debut novel — about a young doctor coping with grief as she retraces her late grandfather's final, mysterious days in the former Yugoslavia — makes the region's history relevant and relatable even to readers unfamiliar with it.

MOVIE "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2"

The final installment balances massive amounts of 3-D action with touching farewells from both the characters and their actors, who we've watched grow up, into and beyond their roles over the past decade. It's the bittersweet end of an era.



Kristen Page-Kirby
The Reelist

BOOK "The Leftovers" by Tom Perrotta

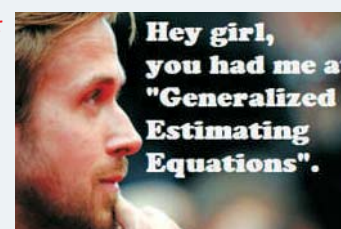
Taking place three years after a Rapture-like event has made about a third of the world's population disappear (along with, for an unexplained reason, a high percentage of celebrity chefs), this very funny, occasionally heartbreaking book explores several characters' very normal grief under extraordinary circumstances.

ALBUM Adele, "21"

"Rolling in the Deep" may be overplayed on the radio, but white-knuckling the steering wheel as I attempt to belt "rolling in the DEEEEEEEEEEEEEEP" ranks with some of my best car-based musical moments.

USE FOR THE INTERNET Ryan Gosling Memes

I'm pretty sure Tumblr peaked with this year's proliferation of Ryan Gosling memes, all of which begin with "hey girl." My favorites are Feminist Ryan Gosling; Hey Girl, I Heart NPR; and Biostatistics Ryan Gosling, above, which is unintelligible to non-science people like me.



TV SHOW "Once Upon a Time"

Fairy-tale characters — not the originals, but the Disneyfied versions — are alive and living in a small American town. Although it occasionally borders on the cheesy, the ABC drama provides clever escapism that's just right for Sunday nights.



Rudi Greenberg
Inside
Jokes

BAND LCD Soundsystem

When James Murphy sang "this could be the last time" during "All My Friends" at Madison Square Garden in April, the entire audience had goose bumps. It was the last time the members of LCD Soundsystem would perform together, and the somber but celebratory four-hour blowout was a fitting end for the beloved dance-punk band.



FILM "Attack the Block"

With a refreshing blend of fast-paced action, slick visuals and dark humor, British comedian Joe Cornish's directorial debut turned a simple premise — aliens invade a London apartment complex, forcing a gang of teenagers to fight back — into something completely out of this world.

TV SHOW "Breaking Bad"

It wasn't always clear where AMC's methed-up drama was headed, but any sense of confusion only added to each episode's nail-biting, hair-pulling suspense — all of which culminated in an explosive (and immensely satisfying) fourth-season finale.

STREAMING HBO Go

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The Reelist**A 3-D Conversion**

I came down hard on 3-D in a previous column. I wrote about how this unnecessary gimmick gave me headaches and made me motion sick. I confessed that I always forgot to return the glasses, that I would find them in my coat pocket weeks later.



By Kristen Page-Kirby

I still forget to return the glasses, but on everything else, I was wrong. Two films I've seen recently — "Hugo," out now, and "Pina," out in January — have convinced me that not only is 3-D a viable cinematic technique, but that for some films it is absolutely necessary.

"Hugo," above, is, in part, the story of film technology. Director Martin Scorsese uses 3-D to show what technology can do for films now — so when a train comes roaring into a station, you have to fight the urge to duck, just like it's said the earliest filmgoers did. "Pina," a Wim Wenders documentary about a modern dance choreographer, uses crystal-clear 3-D not only to enhance the viewer's experience by making the dances more immediate, but to give even simple shots — like a nearly still dancer's face — extra beauty. Not only do both films benefit from 3-D, neither film could exist without it.

That doesn't mean every film needs it, and going back and adding 3-D to 2-D films (which is going to happen a LOT in 2012) is pointless at best. But as we move into a new year, "Hugo" and "Pina" suggest we're moving into a new world.



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Man of Many Faces

Comedian Chris Lilley plays all six socially awkward characters in HBO's 'Angry Boys'

Television

Three years ago, in his mockumentary "Summer Heights High," Chris Lilley played a trio of characters at an Australian high school, including a flamboyant drama teacher and a mean society girl named Ja'mie.

Now Lilley is back with the even more ambitious "Angry Boys," a 12-episode showcase where he tackles a half-dozen personalities in an examination of boys and men who are misunderstood. By turns painful, bitterly funny and illuminating, the series premieres on HBO on Sunday at 10 p.m., with two half-hour episodes airing weekly.

Lilley's pantheon includes identical twins Nathan and Daniel Sims, a pair of angry 17-year-olds. They have a troubled dynamic: Nathan was left deaf and mentally addled by an accident, and Daniel teases Nathan cruelly while defending him against the rest of the world.

Lilley also plays the boys' grandmother, Gran, a devoted but often inappropriate prison officer at a center for teen boys. To keep the mood light, Gran likes to play pranks, such as telling a young inmate his sentence has been cut by nine months, then yelping, "Gotcha!"

Another of Lilley's characters is S.mouse, a rich-kid rapper in Los Angeles who scores with an embarrassingly stupid novelty song and dance, "Slap My Elbow."

Lilley also plays Jen Okazaki, the soft-spoken and almost psychotically exploitative mother of an aspiring skateboarding cham-

Meet Lilley's New Field

Here are some of the characters Chris Lilley plays in HBO's "Angry Boys," which premieres Sunday.



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1 Gran, a devoted but inappropriate prison officer. 2 Blake, a burned-out surfing champion. 3 Jen Okazaki, the mother of an aspiring skateboarding champion. 4 Angry identical twin teenagers Nathan and Daniel Sims. 5 S.mouse, a rich-kid rapper who scores with a stupid novelty song.

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pion. And he also plays Blake, a 38-year-old burned-out surfing champion who lost his testicles in a gang fight.

This spectrum of characters — and the geographic range they represent — speaks to the higher stakes for which the Australian Lilley (who created, wrote, co-produced and co-directed the series) is playing this time around.

Declaring "Summer Heights High" to be "contained and small," Lilley speculates his fans "figured they'd worked out my formula — find a work environment and throw in some characters — and expect-

"I wanted to do something on a massive scale with a story that was woven together in a trickier way."

— CHRIS LILLEY, 'ANGRY BOYS' STAR

ed my next series should be in a hospital or a police station. But a part of me wanted to rebel against that. I wanted to do something on a massive scale with a story that was woven together in a trickier way."

"Angry Boys" seems to unfold spontaneously, but Lilley says it was tightly scripted, even storyboarded, before shooting started.

Lilley spent a year writing the series while scouting locations. Filming consumed seven months, and editing took a year after that.

"I don't make things easy for myself," he says, "but why give myself limitations? I don't need a deadline. I just work until it's ready."

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)



Litigious Spirit: Comic book publisher Marvel Entertainment owns the rights to the Ghost Rider character in the fiery form that originated in the early 1970s, a federal judge ruled Wednesday. U.S. District Judge Katherine Forrest tossed out 4-year-old claims brought by former Marvel writer Gary Friedrich, who Forrest said gave up all ownership rights to the character he claimed he created when he signed checks relinquishing rights to Marvel's predecessors. (AP)

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Now Playing

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN (PG, 107 minutes) Steven Spielberg has brought Tintin to the big screen, but not quite to life. From the film's opening sequence, when Tintin (voiced by Jamie Bell) and his terrier, Snowy, find a rare model ship in a crowded outdoor flea market, every frame is jam-packed with gleaming surfaces and beguiling reflections. No sooner does Tintin barter successfully for the ship than two men try to steal it, sending Tintin and Snowy on an adventure that will take them from Europe to the high seas and North Africa. The story really gets rollicking when Tintin meets Captain Haddock (Andy Serkis), a dipsomaniacal seafarer who joins Tintin's quest to find out why so many people are interested in his little model boat. On the surface, "The Adventures of Tintin" is unimpeachable, but the surface is where it stays. **A.H.**

THE ARTIST (PG-13, 100 minutes) Capping off a year of movies dedicated to high-style nostalgia, "The Artist" arrives like the last, lightest profiterole on the croquembouche. "The Artist" opens in 1927, when the dapper Errol Flynn-esque film star George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) rules Hollywoodland as its reigning star, his million-dollar grin coming as easily as the waves of applause that predictably greet every one of his new pictures. When George crosses paths with an eager newcomer named Peppy Miller (Berenice Bejo), he's cast in the role of mentor (and maybe more); but when talking pictures become the order of the day, she quickly begins an ascent up stardom's ladder, while George's fortunes begin their inevitable slide. **A.H.**

THE DESCENDANTS (R, 115 minutes) George Clooney doesn't put a foot wrong except on purpose in "The Descendants," a pitch-perfect movie that threads a tiny needle between comedy and devastating drama. Clooney's Matt King is the wealthy descendant of Hawaiian royalty, who, as the movie opens, is watching his wife, Elizabeth, lie comatose in a hospital bed after suffering a near-fatal boating accident. A distant husband and father, Matt must find a way to bond with his daughters, 10-year-old Scottie (Amara Miller) and 17-year-old Alex (Shailene Woodley). "The Descendants" is an ode to



Farm boy Albert (Jeremy Irvine, center) tries to stop his horse from being sold into war in Steven Spielberg's epic "War Horse."



Tom Cruise defies gravity yet again in "Mission: Impossible—Ghost Protocol."

emotional dissonance, wherein regret and antic humor can coexist and even share a drink; it's a tricky tonal high-wire act that writer-director Alexander Payne pulls off with uncommon skill and aplomb. **A.H.**

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (R, 158 minutes) Rooney Mara's portrayal of punked-out cyber-genius Lisbeth Salander does much to advance the appeal of this spiky heroine, whose victimization at the hands of piggish men and her subsequent avenging fury have made her a feminist avatar for the WikiLeaks era. Handsomely filmed and impeccably acted, "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" is at once satisfying and underwhelming, a pristine, coolly atmospheric procedural thriller that comes

to the party a tad overdressed in hype. The movie's most unsettling scenes, a brutal rape and an equally torturous act of revenge, are staged by Fincher for maximum shock value. But for the most part, he plays down his stylistic signatures, allowing the performances to project the story's most subtle meanings. **A.H.**

HAPPY FEET TWO (PG, 100 minutes) In "Happy Feet Two," there's precious little of what gave "Happy Feet" its incongruous, yet infectious charm: a tap-dancing penguin. The gotta-move protagonist of the first animated, Antarctica-set feature—a misfit young emperor penguin named Mumble (Elijah Wood)—returns for the sequel. But this time he's all grown up—and a lot less fun. In his place are

a lot of other polar creatures vying for screen time and our attention. The biggest letdown is the absence of dancing. Mumble, the former hoofer, is now the father of a penguin chick named Erik (Ava Acres). He spends most of his time putting his foot down after Erik, who doesn't like to dance, runs away from home, and Mumble is forced to go get him and bring him back, scolding him the entire way. So much for happy feet. **M.O.**

HUGO (PG, 125 minutes) "Hugo" begins with one of Martin Scorsese's signature bravura tracking shots, this time through a cavernous train station in 1930s Paris. The camera is following the title character, a 12-year-old boy who lives secretly just below the station's ceiling. When he's not scrounging for food, he's gathering trinkets and tools to fix a lifelike metal automaton that represents his last link to a once-happy life. For the most part, it's a somber affair, its self-seriousness only deepening when Hugo runs afoul of a grumpy toy seller and his goddaughter, Isabelle. But during "Hugo's" final 20 minutes or so, the film truly comes to life. **A.H.**

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE—GHOST PROTOCOL (PG-13, 133 minutes) Hand it to Tom Cruise: Even on the cusp of the creaky age of 50, he still manages to do his own stunts, look studly in a suit and maintain perfect hair sweepage. "Ghost Protocol" possesses the requisite number of expertly choreographed "How'd they

do that?" scenes, as well as some terrific supporting performances from "Mission: Impossible" veterans and newcomers. Rather than strain so mightily to remind viewers of his still-rock-hard abs and blue-steel stare, Cruise is more than entitled to remind us that he can actually act. Especially when he convincingly plays Ethan convincingly playing a Russian general and then engages a Kremlin guard in some absurdly clever misdirection. That piece of visual legerdemain, as well as Ethan's quarry—Russian nuclear launch codes—are about as retro as it gets. **A.H.**

THE MUPPETS (PG, 98 minutes) "The Muppets" is both a delightful family film about the Muppets and a winking, self-referential satire about how lame the Muppets are. How does it manage that trick? By starting with the premise that the Muppets are has-beens. What sets the plot in motion is a visit to Los Angeles by Gary, Mary and Walter (Gary's somewhat codependent brother). Walter is a Muppets groupie, and when he arrives in Hollywood, he can't quite accept the fact that his heroes are washed up. Walter sets out to reunite the Muppets for one last show, the proceeds from which will be used to save the decrepit Muppet Studios building from being torn down. What saves "The Muppets" from itself is a sharp eye for just how silly all of this is. **M.O.**

NEW YEAR'S EVE (PG-13, 118 minutes) "New Year's Eve" exists as a particularly soulless example of a movie that's less made than machined. A cobbled-together mash-up of actorly duets, this leaden effort sags when it should shimmer, labors clunkily when it should glide and—most unforgivably—plops some otherwise attractive and even talented actors into roles that are completely outside their physical and psychic comfort zone. Most insulting of all, the filmmakers insist on inserting bits of moralizing in the movie like so many razor blades in a candy apple. Clocking in at an unforgivable two hours, "New Year's Eve" perpetrates the same forced jollity, oversize proportions and crass superficiality as the very holiday it so wanly exploits. **A.H.**

SHAME (NC-17, 99 minutes) In Steve McQueen's mournful portrait of an addict hitting rock bottom, Michael Fassbender plays a man seeking self-annihilation through the compulsive pursuit of sex. As successful New Yorker Brandon, Fassbender spends a great deal of time staring moodily. Brandon may be able

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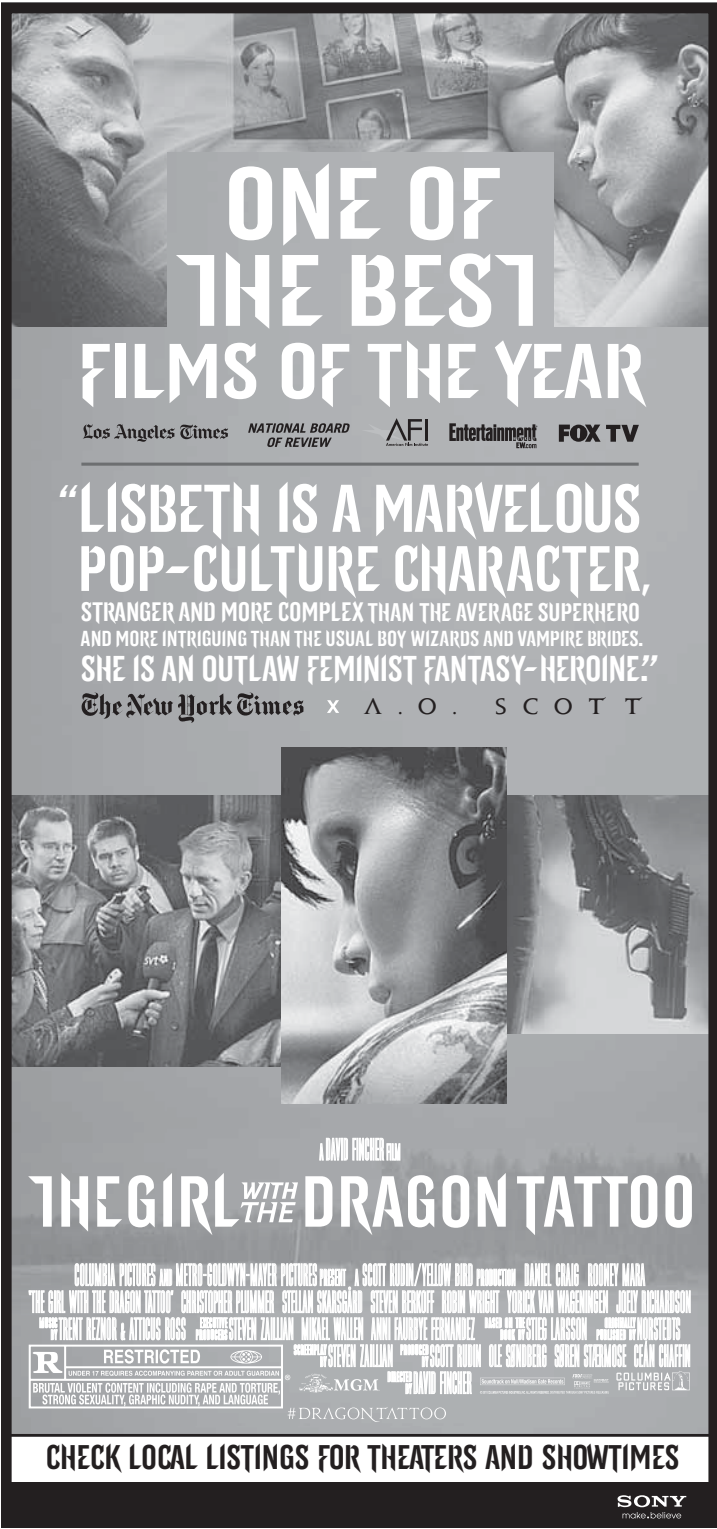
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to make it anywhere, but even when he's with another person, he's alone. That changes with the sudden arrival of his little sister, Sissy (Carey Mulligan), whose hospital bracelet indicates that all is not entirely well with her either. Sissy upsets Brandon's metronomically choreographed rituals, which, it becomes clear, emanate from a wound deep in their shared past. A.H.

SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS (PG-13, 129 minutes) Victoriana buffs will not be amused by this film, but it's a modest improvement on bad-boy director Guy Ritchie's first tweaking of Arthur Conan Doyle's iconic detective. Not because it's more subtle: This sequel is just as profligate as its 2009 predecessor, with explosions, anachronisms and quick cuts. But the dialogue is a little sharper, and Holmes gets a worthy opponent in Professor Moriarty, a diabolical mastermind who has begun a series of bombings and assassinations, hoping to spark a "world war." Robert Downey Jr. plays Holmes as brainy yet highly physical, and keen on dressing up. Jude Law returns as Dr. Watson, Holmes' famous sidekick. Holmes' latest case nearly scrubs Watson's wedding and ends the new couple's honeymoon before it even begins. Holmes, the filmmakers wink, can't bear to let Watson go. MARK JENKINS



Rooney Mara and Daniel Craig play an unlikely yet effective team who try to solve a decades-old mystery in the atmospheric "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo."

THE SITTER (R, 80 minutes) Spiked with some loopily inspired supporting performances and Jonah Hill's characteristically inspired improvisational asides, "The Sitter" is an efficient but uneven programmer, whose most valuable contribution to the cinematic landscape is its blessedly brief running time. The reason Hill's Noah finds himself babysitting a neighbor's three kids is that their regular sitter has a urinary tract infection. In the course of the ensuing night, he and Slater, Blithe and Rodrigo run amok through a Brooklyn bat mitzvah, an upscale restaurant, a street-tough pool hall and a retail outlet called Neal's

Diamonds. The biggest kid, of course, is Noah himself, another man-child abroad in a world that can't see the exquisite gifts behind the girth. A.H.

WAR HORSE (PG-13, 146 minutes) Man's inhumanity to man is examined through a boy's mystical connection to a horse in "War Horse," Steven Spielberg's stirring, expertly manipulative adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's 1982 novel (which has already been adapted for a hit Broadway play). The plucky steed is named Joey, a playful thoroughbred colt admired from a distance by an English farm boy named Albert (Jeremy Irvine). When Albert's father, Ted (Peter Mullan), unexpectedly buys Joey in a drunken impulse, the boy is overjoyed, training the horse to respond to his slightest whistle. When Ted's landlord, Lyons (David Thewlis), demands funds he's due, it looks as if the family will have to sell Joey — until Albert persuades him to plow an entire rocky field, to the amazement of the onlookers who gather to witness the feat. But Joey's fate is far from secure: When World War I dawns, Ted does sell the horse, this time to the British forces. A.H.

WE BOUGHT A ZOO (PG, 124 minutes) In "We Bought a Zoo," Matt Damon plays Benjamin Mee, a widower who's been alone with his kids for six months when he decides to upend their lives and buy a broken-down zoo in Southern California. Based on the real-life Mee's actual memoir, "We Bought a Zoo" contains all the ingredients of a maudlin, treacly weeper ("Dozens of Marleys and Three Mees"). Happily, writer-director Cameron Crowe

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2 Talk to The Animals
If you don't feel like telling your children that noon is midnight (it can lead to confusion later), how 'bout entertaining them with live theater? Imagination Stage's production of "Doctor Doolittle," about soldiers convalescing at a hospital who tell stories of a doctor who can communicate with animals. **Imagination Stage, 4908 Auburn Ave., Bethesda; through Jan. 8, \$10-\$22; 301-280-1660, Imaginationstage.org. (Bethesda)**

3 New Year, New Wale
Is your resolution to "go to more concerts"? "Explore the city's culture"? "Rock the hell out"? Hometown rapper Wale is giving a show New Year's Day to facilitate all those goals. Be aware: Wale's persona has gotten slicker and shallower since his beginnings in D.C., when he was a little nerdier. **Fillmore, 8656 Colesville Rd., Silver Spring; Sun., 8 p.m., \$35; 301-960-9999, Fillmoresilverpring.com. (Silver Spring)**



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Hugo 3D (PG) 9:55-12:50-3:45
The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1 (PG-13) 4:15
New Year's Eve (PG-13) 6:50-9:40
We Bought a Zoo (PG) (I) 10:20-1:10-4:20-7:20-10:20
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) (I) 7:05-10:10
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX (I) 12:55-4:00-7:15-10:30
The Adventures of Tintin: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX 3D: (I) 10:15AM
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) (I) 10:40-4:10-9:50
The Descendants (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 10:50-1:45-4:40-7:40-10:40
The Artist (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 11:10-1:50-4:30-7:30-10:00
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 10:30-2:00-5:40-9:15
J. Edgar (R) 10:00-1:05
Young Adult (R) 9:50-12:10-2:30-5:00-7:50-10:15
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) (I) 12:00-3:30-7:10-10:50
The Descendants (R) AMC INDEPENDENT/OC-Closed Captions: 10:50-1:45-4:40-7:40-10:40
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) (I) 10:55-2:10-5:15-8:20-11:40
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) (I) 11:15-1:40-3:50-6:30-9:00
War Horse (PG-13) 9:30-12:40-4:05-7:25-10:45
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 5:10-8:15-11:15
The Muppets (PG) (I) 11:00-1:55

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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) Club Cinema-Over 21 after 6:00 pm; 11:30-4:50-10:20
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Hugo (PG) 1:10-6:50
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We Bought a Zoo (PG) (I) 10:20-1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10

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Le Havre (NR) 12:45-5:45
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 1:15-4:45-8:15
The Man Nobody Knew: In Search of My Father CIA Spymaster William Colby (NR) 8:00
The Way (PG-13) 3:00

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The Descendants (R) 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
The Artist (PG-13) 11:30-12:15-2:00-2:45-4:30-5:15-7:00-9:30
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 11:30-12:30-2:30-3:30-5:30-6:10-7:30-8:30-9:15
My Week with Marilyn (R) 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
A Dangerous Method (R) 12:05-2:35-5:05-7:35-9:55
Shame (NC-17) 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:00

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The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) (I) 2:45-5:10-7:45-10:15
Young Adult (R) 12:45-3:10-5:30-8:10-10:40
The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) (I) 12:30-2:40-5:00-7:40-10:00
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) (I) 12:20-1:40-3:40-5:20-7:00-9:00-10:25
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The Muppets (PG) 12:00-2:35-5:15-7:50

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Moneyball (PG-13) Starring Brad Pitt & Jonah Hill: 2:30-7:20
The Ides of March (R) George Clooney and Ryan Gosling: 5:10-10:00
Le Havre (NR) English Subtitles: 5:30-7:40
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My Week with Marilyn (R) 2:40-4:45-6:50-9:00
The Way (PG-13) 12:15

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The Adventures of Tintin (PG) (I) 10:30-3:45-9:15
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The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) (I) 10:00-12:10-3:40-7:00-10:20
The Darkest Hour 3D (PG-13) (I) 1:15-5:45

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AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCTheatres.com
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We Bought a Zoo (PG) (I) 12:40-4:10-7:20-10:25

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com
Young Adult (R) 10:30-12:55-3:10-5:25-7:45-9:55
The Descendants (R) 10:45-1:30-4:15-7:05-9:45
The Artist (PG-13) 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 10:10-11:00-1:00-2:30-4:00-5:30-7:15-8:30-10:00
A Dangerous Method (R) 10:40-1:40-4:45-7:10-9:35
War Horse (PG-13) (I) 10:00-12:15-1:15-3:20-4:20-6:30-7:30-9:50

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com
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The Muppets (PG) 1:05

Regal Majestic 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) IMAX (I) 4:20-7:10-10:05-12:45
The Adventures of Tintin: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) IMAX 3D: (I) 11:30-2:00
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) (I) 11:10-1:40-4:10-6:45-9:20-11:50
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The Darkest Hour (PG-13) (I) 1:10-5:30
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My Week with Marilyn (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 10:45-1:05-3:25-5:45-8:05
Hugo (PG) 11:10-4:55
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We Bought a Zoo (PG) (I) 11:15-2:10-5:00-7:55

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com
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The Descendants (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 9:35-12:20-3:15-6:05-8:50-11:35
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: (I) 11:25-3:05-6:40-10:20
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The Muppets (PG) 11:05-1:50-4:35

Alexandria Old Town Theater
815 1/2 King St <http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/>
Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) (I) 2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
The Adventures of Tintin (PG) (I) 3:20-7:50-10:00

Arlington Cinema 'N' Draffhouse
2903 Columbia Pike <http://www.arlingtondraffhouse.com/>
Moneyball (PG-13) 7:10
Drive (R) 9:50

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com
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Regal Kingtowne 16
5910 Kingtowne Towne Center
Hugo 3D (PG) (I) 9:15
We Bought a Zoo (PG) OC-Open Caption: 11:00AM
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) (I) 1:40-4:15-6:55-9:40
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The Muppets (PG) 12:55-3:35-6:40

Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com
The Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) (I) 1:50-4:25-6:55-9:35
Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: 12:40
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The Muppets (PG) 11:50AM

TV Weekend **lookout**

Just Like Clockwork

The usual characters take to the airwaves before the ball drops

New Year's Eve

Folks who just can't imagine celebrating New Year's Eve without Dick Clark probably don't remember when Clark's production challenged an established holiday institution. Before the big night started "rockin'" it was all but synonymous with Guy Lombardo, a big band leader popular with those whose tastes were shaped in the 1930s and '40s. His reedy rendition of "Auld Lang Syne" still defines the occasion's boozy blend of anticipation and bitter-sweet nostalgia.

We're now as far away in time from the first "Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve" as it was from those big band days, a point that's made on "New Year's Rockin' Eve: The 40th Anniversary Party" (8 p.m. Saturday, ABC). The first "Rockin'"



Ryan Seacrest and Dick Clark host ABC's "New Year's Rockin' Eve" festivities.

Eve" was headlined by early-'70s hit-makers Three Dog Night.

For those in search of today's pop stars, catch Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga at 10 p.m. on "Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve With Ryan Seacrest 2012."

Over on the Peacock Network, "NBC's New Year's Eve With Carson Daly" (10 p.m.) promises a great deal of cross-network promotion. Look for Blake Shelton and Cee

Lo Green of "The Voice" to perform. And expect an appearance by Jimmy Fallon and his house band the Roots, as well as British pop star Jessie J and the ageless Tony Bennett.

Fox offers "American Country New Year's Eve Live" (11 p.m.) featuring performances by Joe Nichols, Eli Young Band and Toby Keith. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Best Bets

FRI
9:00

The Life & Times of Tim (HBO)

Tim goes back to a job he held in high school — caddying at a golf course — and finds himself competing with a 14-year-old. Then, he claims to have a lucrative sales job in an effort to impress Amy's father.



FRI
10:00

Confessions: Animal Hoarding (APL)

A new episode introduces Donna, 50, who thinks her home is haunted. When ghost hunters check out her home, however, they have trouble navigating the damage caused by her nine dogs and 10 birds.

SUN
9:00

Rachael vs. Guy Celebrity Cook-Off (FOOD)

Rachael Ray and Guy Fieri welcome eight celebrity contestants hoping to win cash for charities. The show kicks off with a sandwich challenge.

SUN
10:00



Chef Roble & Co. (BRAVO) Chef Roble, left, has two unusual gigs in the Hamptons in this new episode. One is a wedding in which the bride is a real dog — and so is the groom. Then he and his team prepare a pig roast for a medieval feast that includes the unveiling of a statue. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Eek!



Slimy, Slithering

Not for the squeamish, Animal Planet's "Infested!" (9 p.m. Friday) is just what its title says — a compilation of true stories of human habitations overrun by unwelcome critters (such as the children's bike commandeered by a snake, above). In the season premiere, three generations of a Pennsylvania clan deal with an influx of roaches from a neighbor's home. (TM)



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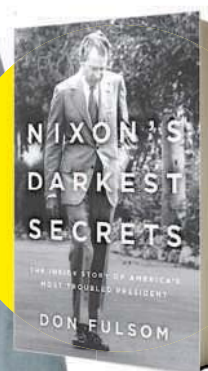
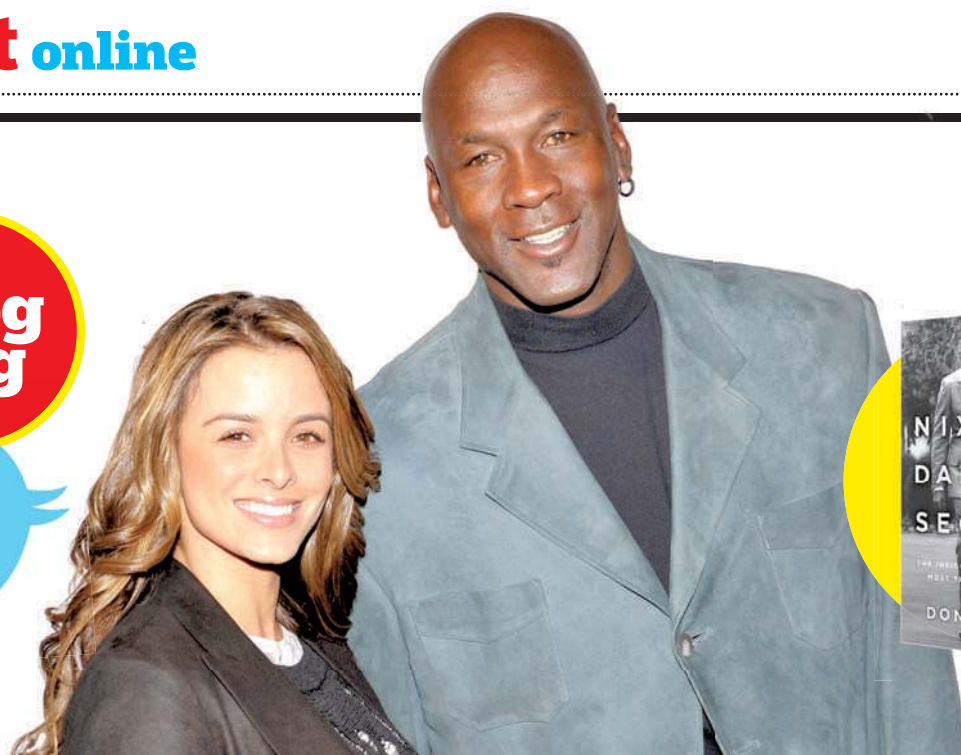
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Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Time waits for no man — or woman — so you had better be ready to jump at an unexpected opportunity that comes your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You and a friend can enjoy an adventure together that also provides a great deal of painless learning as well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You've been counting the days, perhaps, and now it's time for anticipation to kick in. Yes, it's really going to happen this time.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A difference of opinion is unavoidable, especially when conversation turns to the end of the year and the beginning of the next.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You've been considering more than one New Year's resolution, but this time around you were best to choose only one that you can really keep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may feel yourself falling behind in some way, but perhaps it's because you haven't enjoyed your usual year-end rejuvenation — yet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

You may be able to make more than one new friend — and you can bet that you'll remain in touch well into the coming year.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others may be blaming you for a situation you had nothing to do with — but rather than argue, you can simply work to solve the problem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't seem to be lording over anyone. Rather, adopt an approach that has you working as another's equal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Habitual behavior is likely to kick in before the day is out, but take care that your indulgence doesn't lead to anything reckless.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will want to stop, look, and listen in order to appreciate fully the kinds of sights and sounds that are all around you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

That secret you've been keeping for so long has reached maturity by now — and you may be ready to share it with everyone.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 208

A ₁	E ₁	E ₁	O ₁	R ₁	V ₄	G ₂

Double
Word Score

RACK 1

E ₁	O ₁	O ₁	P ₃	M ₃	M ₃	P ₃

RACK 2

A ₁	E ₁	I ₁	N ₁	N ₁	T ₁	C ₃

3rd Letter
Triple

RACK 3

A ₁	E ₁	E ₁	T ₁	T ₁	N ₁	S ₁

RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

R ₁	A ₁	I ₁	N ₁	O ₁	U ₁	T ₁
W ₄	A ₁	R ₁	R ₁	I ₁	O ₁	R ₁
V ₄	I ₁	T ₁	T ₁	L ₁	E ₁	
S ₁	T ₁	U ₁	B ₃	B ₃	L ₁	E ₁

PAR SCORE 145-155

RACK 1 = 57
RACK 2 = 68
RACK 3 = 9
RACK 4 = 72
TOTAL 206

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

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							9	4
				5	3			1
			8	1		4	2	
	6				7	8		
	8	1						
2		3					8	7
5				8				

Yesterday's Solution

2	5	4	6	1	9	3	8	7
7	8	9	4	5	3	2	6	1
3	1	6	2	8	7	9	5	4
6	9	5	3	2	4	1	7	8
4	3	2	8	7	1	5	9	6
8	7	1	9	6	5	4	3	2
5	4	7	1	9	6	8	2	3
1	6	8	5	3	2	7	4	9
9	2	3	7	4	8	6	1	5

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Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

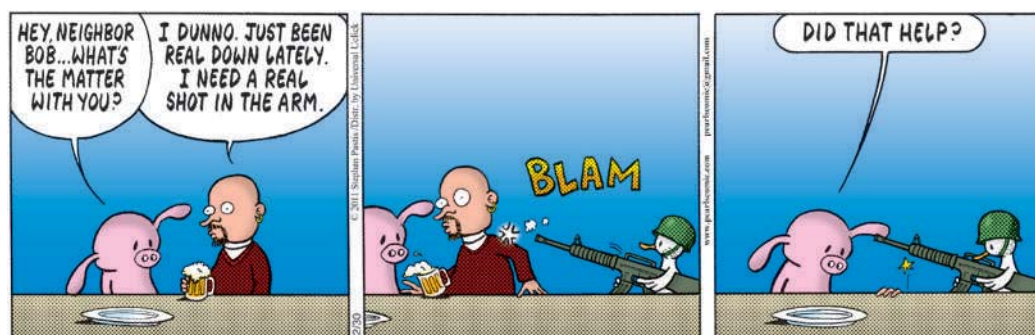
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Comics

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS



Forecast

54 | 40

Today: Intervals of clouds and sun today. Cloudy most of the time tonight.

55 | 36

Tomorrow: Partly sunny and breezy tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN **MON** **TUE**

56 | 33 44 | 24 32 | 22

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:26 a.m.
Sunset today: 4:55 p.m.
Moonrise today: 10:48 a.m.
Moonset today: 11:24 p.m.

Almanac

Normal high: 44
Record high: 75
Normal low: 30
Record low: 2

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Crossword

ACROSS

1 Overhead ovals
6 Not-so-hot grade
9 Jordanian port
14 Soap-on-____
15 Historical period
16 Haul off to jail
17 Grant recipient
18 On behalf of
19 Cheap and tawdry
20 What marijuana
users hope for?
23 They turn
millionaires into
billionaires?
24 Get a move on
25 Restorative resort
28 Where local
government goes to
play tennis?
32 Former Russian
space station
33 Voice quality
34 It has 14 lines
35 "Yikes!"
37 Hoedown
participant
39 Pro's opposite
40 Like some
checkups
43 It prevents a win-
win situation

46 Last word on a list, sometimes
47 Alex Trebek's favorite legal term?
50 Kingston duo?
51 Metro maker, once
52 Prefix meaning "billionth"
53 Electrical quality inspector?
58 Solidified in the cold
61 I might signify this?
62 Villains of some fables
63 Device for catching speeders
64 Bro's sibling
65 Big name in department stores
66 Some court hearings
67 Part of a telephone no.
68 Lauder of cosmetics

DOWN

1 Mecca pilgrimage
(Var.)
2 "Buck" add-on

3 Jennifer on "WKRP
in Cincinnati"
4 "___ Christmas
Day" (gift-tag
command)
5 Manager's terse
order
6 Calming down, as a
tense situation
7 Winged archer
8 Singer Kitt
9 The Chrysler
Building's style
10 Wharf where ships
dock
11 Pismire
12 Drill attachment
13 Start for "body" or
"way"
21 "Only When I
Laugh" actor James
22 Lubricates
25 Got some rays
26 Adjective in a
Julia Roberts film
title
27 Cellar's opposite
28 Filet ___
29 Heavenly
discovery of 1781
30 Positive thinker
Norman Vincent

31 "Based ____ true story"
32 Maryland fort name
36 Do a film editing job
38 Most out-to-lunch
41 Capital on the Mediterranean
42 Lascivious look
44 Marital squabble
45 California's first state capital
48 Full of

merriment
49 They make you
red in the face
53 Industry
magnate
54 Alternative to
DOS or Windows
55 "Gosh darn it!"
56 Richard of
"Breathless"
57 To be, in Latin
class
58 One way to
swing?
59 Tampa player
60 Poetic homage

Yesterday's Solution

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
T	R	E	A	D	S	C	O	P	E	F	T	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
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105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116	117
A	R	O	O	T	S	C	E	N	E			
118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130
S	Q	U	A	D	S	O	A	R	E			
131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140	141	142	143
C	U	R	L	U	P	A	N	D	Y			
144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156
R	O	B	L	U	R	I	D	L	A	S	C	
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E	T	A	E	L	I	D	I	C	E	U		
170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182
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Samurai Sudoku

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

7	2	3	5	8	9	6	4	1			6	1	4	2	5	3	7	8	9	
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Today in History

1853 The United States and Mexico sign a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for \$10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

1922 Vladimir I. Lenin proclaims the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

1940 Gov. Culbert L. Olson officially opens California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway, which connects Los Angeles and Pasadena.

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**HOW RUDE****Jeweler on Periphery of Couple's Life Hijacks Item**

Steven Tyler and Erin Brady are engaged, confirmed the jewelry designer who created the ring with which Tyler popped the question. Loree Rodkin told E! News that the ring bears a 5-carat round, brilliant-cut diamond. "Having made Steven's jewelry for so many of the past years, it was an honor to be part of his future," Rodkin said. (EXPRESS)

DIVORCE SYSTEMS ARE GO
Marry in Haste? Check.
Repent in Leisure? Check.

Russell Brand was seen in London Thursday with no wedding ring on. His wife, Katy Perry, was spotted on Christmas Day (in Hawaii) without her ring. Sources tell the tabloids of "a massive fight" that led to the pair spending Christmas apart. "They haven't split up just yet, but things are not good," an unnamed source told Us-magazine.com. (EXPRESS)



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Our staff body-language expert says Katy can see a life without Russell.

Victims**Gifford's Phone Purse-Dials Kris Jenner**

Kathie Lee Gifford, who was involved in a sweatshop scandal in the 1990s over the provenance of her Wal-Mart clothing line, has offered advice to Kris Jenner. "Kathie Lee did suggest to Kris that she visit the factories that are involved in the scandal," a source told Radaronline.com. (EXPRESS)

LITERATURE**Here Comes the Help**

A former nanny for the Kardashian family is shopping a book, according to TMZ.com. The supposed author, Pam Behan, was a nanny, assistant and cook for Bruce and Kris Jenner. Apparently she did not care for the couple's sons, Brody and Brandon. Sources tell TMZ that Behan's book says she almost lost her job after slapping Brandon. Behan also promises "intimate details" about Kourtney and Kim Kardashian. (EXPRESS)



"It felt like I was living in a coffin. It was going to be a coffin for both of us and I saw him crushed."



— **SINEAD O'CONNOR**
EXPLAINS HER DECISION TO END HER MARRIAGE TO BARRY HERRIDGE AFTER 18 DAYS. SHE SAYS SHE KNEW IT WAS A MISTAKE THREE HOURS IN.

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"Robert, look. My cleavage is glowing."

IT'S CALLED LOVE**'For as Long as You Pretend You're a Musician, I'll Buy You Expensive Vanity Gifts'**

Kristen Stewart bought boyfriend Robert Pattinson two vintage guitars costing a total of \$12,000 for Christmas. "She said 'He's gonna [expletive] himself when he sees them!'" Norman Harris, of Norman's Rare Guitars in Los Angeles, told Us-magazine.com. The instruments, which Stewart purchased on Dec. 23, are a 1959 Fender Jazzmaster and a 1947 K&F Lap Steel. (EXPRESS)

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